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REF: LETTER FROM ERSHOV TO AUFENKAMP DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1978
(COPY PREVIOUSLY SENT TO EMBASSY VIA POUCH). LETTER FROM
SCHWARTZ TO ERSHOV DATED 29 MARCH 1978 (COPY BEING SENT
VIA POUCH).

1. AUFENKAMP REQUESTS THAT FOLLOWING LETTER BE FORWARDED
TO ERSHOV WITH COPIES TO RAMEYEV AND INASHVILI.
2. 01.010404 - APRIL 6, 1978

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SIBERIAN BRANCH OF THE U.S.S.R.
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DEAR ANDREI:

WE ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM

VISITS BY YOU AND DR. POTTOSIN FOR THIS FALL. I AM LOOKING

FORWARD TO THESE VISITS FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE COOPERATION IN HIGH LEVEL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES.

I WOULD LIKE TO ENDORSE STRONGLY JACK SCHWARTZ'S SUGGESTION
IN HIS LETTER TO YOU DATED MARCH 29 THAT YOUR STAY AT NEW
YORK UNIVERSITY BE LONG ENOUGH TO DO SOLID TECHNICAL
WORK. ALTHOUGH DR. RAMEYEV AND I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE
FORMAT OF LONG-TERM PROJECT VISITS, I BELIEVE IT IS
IMPORTANT IN THE COOPERATION UNDER THE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
AGREEMENT THAT LONG-TERM VISITS EMPHASIZE JOINT RESEARCH
PROJECTS LEADING TO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CONCRETE RESULTS
AS CONTRASTED WITH AN EXTENDED SERIES OF VISITS TO MANY
INSTITUTIONS PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING
CONTACTS AND REVIEWING ONGOING RESEARCH. THESE LATTER
VISITS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR INITIAL ACTIVITIES IN A
SUBTOPIC AREA AS IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THE FIELD
OF NATIONAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING OR IN CONNECTION WITH A
WORKSHOP OR SEMINAR. AN EXTENDED SERIES OF VISITS COULD
POSSIBLY ALSO BE ARRANGED UNDER AUSPICES OTHER THAN THE
PROGRAM IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TO MANAGEMENT OF THE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE
EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS ARRANGED BY THE U.S. AND U.S.S.R.
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A LONG-TERM JOINT PROJECT COULD, OF COURSE, INVOLVE VISITS
TO SEVERAL INSTITUTIONS AS PART OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY AND
IN ANY CASE, THERE SHOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO DEVOTING A
WEEK; OR TWO OF A SIX-WEEK STAY FOR VISITS TO OTHER PLACES.
AT THE PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, THE ONLY ACTIVE PROJECT ON
THE U.S. SIDE UNDER THE SUBTOPIC OF HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMMING
LANGUAGES (OTHER THAN THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS ON NATURAL
LANGUAGE PROCESSING) IS THE RESEARCH ON PROGRAMMING
LANGUAGES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JACK SCHWARTZ. IN VIEW
OF THIS SITUATION IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT YOUR
STAY IN THE U.S. BE BASED ON RESEARCH TO BE CARRIED OUT
JOINTLY WITH JACK SCHWARTZ AND COLLEAGUES. I AM CONVINCED
THE CONTINUATION OF YOUR ONGOING COLLABORATION WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE.

WE SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, I HOPE, TO DISCUSS THE
PROGRAM FOR THE LONG-TERM VISITS OF YOU AND DR. POTTOSIN IN
EARLY JUNE IN THE U.S.S.R. DURING THE PERIOD OF THE VISIT
OF THE U.S. NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING DELEGATION. I
HOPE, TOO, TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN BEFORE THEN. IN THE
MEANTIME WE SHALL CONTINUE WITH PLANNING ON THE U.S. SIDE.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

D. D. AUFENKAMP
U.S. CHAIRMAN, U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT WORKING GROUP
IN THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS TO MANAGEMENT

CC: DR. RAMEYEV
MR. INASHVILI

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